GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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SILICA MINES IN FOREST AREAS
Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work in mines of silica has been delayed due to Forest Conservation Act 1980 in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States having such mines;

(c) whether such mines are out of work in the districts of Maharashtra and other States due to the said act;

(d) whether the Government proposes to restart the work in these mines due to its increasing demand in the International Market; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) So far proposals for diversion of forest land for silica mines has been received from the State of Rajasthan only.

(c) to (e) No proposal for silica mining has been received from Maharashtra or any other State.